

Childminder Report

Inspection date

6 May 2015

Previous inspection date

2 April 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- The enthusiastic childminder supports children to make good progress in their learning and development. She provides a good range of toys and resources and sets up the play space so children are able to choose what they want to play with.
- The childminder interacts positively with the children, which means they are developing good communication, listening and language skills.
- The childminder provides a wide range of interesting outdoor activities in her garden and on outings. Therefore, children benefit from fresh air and daily exercise to promote their good health.
- The childminder completes risk assessments to help minimise risks in the home, garden and on outings. She implements effective safety measures, which promote children's safety and well-being securely.
- Parents and the childminder form strong partnerships. Daily discussions and communication books ensure children's care and learning is well promoted.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The childminder does not always provide resources and activities that help children to make stronger links with significant people in their lives.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- develop children's further understanding of special people in their lives.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the home, spoke to the childminder at appropriate times during the inspection and discussed changes made since the last inspection.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development, assesses their abilities and monitors their progress.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she keeps children safe and healthy, and sampled documents that support children's care.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability and qualification, and the suitability of adults living in the household.

Inspector

Janet Thouless

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

The childminder uses her good teaching skills to develop children's all round development. She engages children in meaningful play and follows their interests. As a result, children develop a positive attitude to learning and confidence to try new things. Children are fascinated by the very colourful fish in the childminder's aquarium. To challenge their interest, the childminder uses picture labels for children to find the different fish, crab and snails. The childminder teaches young children to develop a strong interest in books. She uses repeated words and phrases, and young children show excitement as they recognise these sounds, which develops their early literacy skills. Children participate in effective outdoor activities that promote their understanding of the world and physical skills. For example, children dig in the mud and explore sticks, helping them to find out about natural resources and they develop coordination as they use wheeled toys. Consequently, children gain a range of skills in readiness for the next stage in their learning.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

The childminder is calm and caring, and young children relate very well to her. For example, as babies get tired, the childminder recognises their particular signs and follows their home routines. As a result, children settle to restful sleep and when they awake they are happy and ready for more play. She makes good use of settling-in periods to get to know children and their families. She obtains clear information from parents about children, so that she can meet their individual needs and interests successfully. The childminder helps children to develop a healthy lifestyle. She offers varied and nutritious snacks and meals, and supports children through the weaning process in consultation with their parents. The childminder focuses on praising young children's achievements, which raises their confidence and self-esteem. Children benefit from her patient manner and enjoy her attention, praise and consistent reassurance. As a result, they feel safe and secure.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The childminder has a good understanding of her role in protecting children. She knows what to do should she have any concerns about a child in her care, which promotes children's safety and well-being. The childminder successfully implements the learning and development requirements. She observes and monitors children's progress and identifies their next steps for learning. The childminder is committed to improving outcomes for children. Since her inspection, she has gained a childcare qualification and this has enhanced her already good knowledge of early years practice. The childminder continually develops her knowledge and keeps up to date with new thinking and ideas through training and research. This has a positive impact on the learning outcomes for children.

Setting details

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Registration category	Childminder
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Total number of places	5
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	2 April 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Tadworth, in the Borough of Reigate and Banstead. The childminder offers care all day, Monday to Friday, throughout the year, except for family and public holidays. The childminder holds an early years qualification at Level 3.

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